

ORCHARD, VINEYARD AND MISCELLANEOUS CROP STATISTICS, 1938-39.

I. ORCHARDS.

1/ Acreage. 28,943 (29,874) acres, decrease 931 acres; Trees of bearing age 24,270 (25,174) acres. Bush fires were responsible for the loss of several hundred acres of orchards, some of which are expected to recover and may come into bearing again next year, the varieties suffering to the greatest extent being Apples, Plums and Apricots. A number of old orchards were grubbed out, while numerous small unproductive areas have been excluded this year.

2/ Production. Crops generally - excepting Citrous fruits - are below the good yields of the previous year and are reflected in the following comparisons :- Apples 808,020 (1,275,486) bushels; Apricots 343,569 (511,452) bushels; Pears 195,995 (279,058) bushels; Peaches 149,602 (176,778) bushels; while Oranges 815,460 (892,255) bushels exceed the record of last season by 13,000 bushels. Details for all fruits are set out in the accompanying table.

II. VINEYARDS.

1/ Acreage. 58,020 (57,414) increase 606 acres. Vines of bearing age 54,212 (53,486) acres; new plantings were mostly confined to Counties Albert, Alfred and Hamley in the Irrigated Areas and to County Light in the Non Irrigated - the practice of grubbing out old orchards and replacing with Vines is still being carried out in County Light.

The acreage was described as follows - For Winemaking 36,457 (36,309) acres; Drying 21,158 (20,788) acres and Table 405 (317) acres.

2/ Total Grape Yield. 150,608 (189,614) tons with an average per acre of bearing age of 2.78 (3.55) tons. For Winemaking 65,634 (90,964) Drying 83,989 (97,993) tons, and Table 985 (657) tons.

3/ Wine made. 11,147,046 (15,888,878) gallons, decrease 4,741,838 gallons. Fortified beverage wine Bountyable 4,799,003 (5,477,598), Non Bountyable 251,403 (141,604), Unfortified 994,895 (1,309,176) and Distillation 5,101,745 (8,960,500) gallons.

III. DRIED FRUITS.

1/ Currants. 191,381 (187,332) cwts. exceeding last seasons record crop by 4,049 cwts.

2/ Raisins. Sultanas 192,926 (281,657) cwts. decrease 88,731 cwts, Other Raisins 40,212 (50,521) cwts. decrease 10,309 cwts. Unfavourable climatic conditions were responsible for the comparatively poor yield of Raisins, heavy rains during the ripening and drying periods doing much damage to the harvest.

3/ Other Dried Fruit. Apricots 20,529 (35,641); Plums and Prunes 7,806 (12,309) cwts; Peaches 5,456 (6,369); Pears, Apples, etc. 6,030 (9,644), these fruits were also affected by adverse conditions and yields were much below last year.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Market Gardens. 1,691 (1,546) acres; Green Peas 1,289 (1,232) acres; Pumpkins and Melons 410 (372) acres, 2,573 (2,398) tons; Tomatoes 628 (591) acres, 226,691 (221,395) bushels; Potatoes 4,290 (4,387) acres, 18,487 (21,615) tons; Onions 542 (513) acres, 3,892 (4,126) tons; Other Root Crops 919 (780) acres; Nurseries 177 (184) acres.

V. OVERSEA EXPORTS.

The value of the total Oversea Exports of the Products of Vineyards and Orchards for the year 1938-39 was £1,983,084 (£1,998,370), the principal items being Wine £920,470 (£857,291), Dried Fruits £877,736 (£823,024), Apples £93,611 (£190,973). Complete details of Interstate Exports are not available, but annually about £600,000 of wine and brandy are exported to the other States.

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AREA AND PRODUCTION OF ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, &C. SEASON 1938-39.

Crop	Unit of Quant.	Season 1936-37	Season 1937-38	Season 1938-39
A R E A.				
ORCHARDS	acre	29,755	29,874	28,943
VINEYARDS	"	56,122	57,414	58,020
MINOR CROPS -				
Potatoes	"	4,657	4,387	4,290
Onions	"	507	513	542
Total Root Crops	"	5,893	5,680	5,751
Market Gardens	"	1,499	1,546	1,691
Green Peas	"	1,040	1,232	1,289
Pumpkins & Melons	"	367	372	410
Tomatoes	"	558	591	628
Nurseries	"	193	184	177
P R O D U C T I O N.				
ORCHARDS.				
Almonds	cwt.	9,479	10,602	9,994
Walnuts	"	595	749	775
Olives - Berries	"	(1936) 12,723	(1937) 5,543	(1938) 19,371
Olive Oil	gall.	" 22,997	" 11,061	" 34,005
Apples	bush.	841,504	1,275,486	808,020
Apricots	"	357,022	511,452	343,569
Cherries	"	40,687	46,065	43,478
Figs	"	20,683	27,799	20,998
Nectarines	"	23,649	30,405	27,944
Peaches	"	146,399	176,778	149,602
Pears	"	242,336	279,058	195,995
Plums and Prunes	"	168,017	165,333	134,030
Quinces	"	24,189	23,296	20,645
Oranges	"	(1936) 654,889	(1937) 802,255	(1938) 815,460
Lemons	"	" 49,152	" 54,587	" 55,862
Other Citrus	"	" 7,002	" 6,623	" 8,663
Raspberries	cwt.	2,628	2,976	2,100
Strawberries	"	4,015	3,089	1,879
Other Bush & Berry Fruits	"	3,376	3,122	2,831
Other Fruits	bush.	2,777	4,004	1,689
DRIED FRUITS.				
Apples	cwt.	554	1,301	440
Apricots	"	20,555	35,641	20,529
Figs	"	611	1,168	810
Nectarines	"	693	947	811
Peaches	"	4,906	6,369	5,456
Pears	"	5,484	6,228	3,969
Plums	"	728	1,146	580
Prunes	"	8,538	11,163	7,226
VINEYARDS.				
Total Grape Yield	ton	148,579	189,614	150,608
Wine-Beverage-Fortified				
Bountyable	gall.	5,960,750	5,477,598	4,799,003
Non Bounty	"	154,765	141,604	251,403
" Unfortified	"	1,318,655	1,309,176	994,895
Distillation	"	7,592,332	8,960,500	5,101,745
Total	"	15,026,502	15,888,878	11,147,046
Currants	cwt.	161,858	187,332	191,381
Raisins - Sultana	"	189,579	281,657	192,926
Other	"	38,052	50,521	40,212
MINOR CROPS -				
Potatoes	ton	20,923	21,615	18,487
Onions	"	3,694	4,126	3,892
Tomatoes	bush.	199,728	221,395	226,691

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